

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP AT ITS BEST

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, the best examples of effective community leaders are those individuals that work diligently in the background, not seeking attention or glory for themselves, but those who consider positive results more important than personal recognition.

Mrs. Carolyn McCarty of Kingwood, TX, is an example of such an individual. She is a silent oak of strength and volunteer service in her community. She is the daughter of Albert and Lorena Wilson and was born in Batesville, AR where she grew up on a small farm. She graduated from Arkansas College with a master's degree in history and a minor in speech.

She has lived in Kingwood for more than 30 years and has been an active community volunteer in many organizations including the Kingwood FFA Booster program, served as a member of the Humble Citizens Police Academy and is currently a member of the Humble Citizens Police Academy Alumni.

Her community involvement over the years has earned her several prestigious recognitions including the Yellow Rose of Texas award from then-Governor George W. Bush and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from former President George H.W. Bush.

February 20, 1997 was recognized as Carolyn McCarty Day by the city of Humble, TX. She was also one of the 1998 Women of the Year in Human Services issued by Family Time Crisis and Counseling Center.

Mrs. McCarty has been employed in the Humble area for many years. During the 4 years that she worked at North East Medical Center Hospital, she started the Northeast 55+ activity program for seniors. Since then, she has worked for the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 12½ years and is currently the committee coordinator.

Even though she has been recognized with many awards, she would probably tell anyone that her greatest accomplishment is her family. She has been married to her husband Rush McCarty for 44 years; has three children, Kevin, Shannon, and Tom; and eight grandchildren. Her list of volunteer efforts would not be complete without including her active involvement in the lives of her three children throughout their elementary, middle and high school activities.

I am honored to recognize Mrs. Carolyn McCarty today for her contributions to her family, her community and her country. She is a shining example of servant leadership and her humble spirit is an inspiration to us all.

And that's just the way it is.

## INDIA BUGGED BLAIR'S HOTEL ROOM

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, on August 3, India-West reported that during former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's visit to India shortly after the 9/11 attacks, the Indian regime bugged Prime Minister Blair's hotel room. According to the article, they didn't do a very good job of it, either.

India-West reported that Prime Minister Blair's associate, Alistair Campbell, wrote in his book that Blair's people found the bugs but decided not to make a fuss about them. According to India-West, Campbell writes that "On his way to the hotel, Blair asked the then British High Commissioner in India if the car was bugged only to receive a 'kind of noncommittal no.'" Campbell also describes the discovery of two listening devices in Prime Minister Blair's hotel room. Campbell reported that the bugs couldn't be removed "without drilling the wall," so Mr. Blair simply used a different room. He also writes about a valet named Sunil who was there wherever Campbell went. "I was beginning to wonder whether he had been put there either by spooks or by a paper," Campbell wrote.

Madam Speaker, this is an outrage. The fact that India feels the need to spy on a democratic leader who is fighting the same war on terror that India claims to support shows that India's sympathies do not lie on the side of the Free World. It also shows that India's claims to be a democracy ring hollow. Perhaps they can hear their claims ring hollow in one of their listening devices.

Those claims are further belied by India's ongoing repression against Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities. We all know that India has murdered more than a quarter of a million Sikhs, over 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, more than 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of other minorities such as manipuris, Tamils, Bodos, Assamese, Bengalis, Dalits, et cetera. We all know of the tens of thousands of political prisoners. Harassment and false arrest are common. Some Sikh activists were arrested for making speeches and raising a flag! Does that sound like democracy to you, Madam Speaker?

Why do we accept this? America is founded on the idea of freedom for all. There is something we can do about the tyranny in India. We owe it to the oppressed people there to stop our aid and trade with India (especially since more than 836 million people there live on less than 40 cents per day) and we should demand self-determination for the people of Punjab, Khalsitan, Nagalim, Kashmir, and all people seeking their freedom. Self-determination is the essence of democracy. Our actions can help bring real freedom and prosperity to all the people of the subcontinent. Let us do whatever we can.

[From the Times of India, Aug. 3, 2007]  
DELHI CLUMSILY BUGGED TONY BLAIR'S ROOM DURING 2001 VISIT

(By Rashmee Roshan Lall)

LONDON.—Indian intelligence clumsily bugged Tony Blair's hotel room in Delhi during the British prime minister's visit to India one month after the 9/11 attacks, his chief spin doctor Alastair Campbell has said.

In his newly published diaries released in India July 25, Campbell said Blair's entourage found the bugs but decided not to make a fuss. On his way to the hotel, Blair asked the then British High Commissioner in Delhi if the car was bugged, only to receive a "kind of noncommittal no." Campbell writes about Blair's passage to India on Oct. 5, 2001.

Later, he describes an "incriminating" discovery of two bugs in the British prime minister's hotel room.

"At the hotel, our security service guys had found two bugs in TB's bedroom and said they wouldn't be able to move them without drilling the wall, so TB used a different room," he wrote.

Campbell's revelations are probably the first time someone within the innermost circle of a British prime minister has openly accused the Indian authorities of bugging and dirty tricks. Campbell also claims in the diaries, titled "The Blair Years," that he too was probably spied upon by Indian intelligence, via the services of a "valet" named Sunil.

The "valet," says Campbell drove him "bananas everywhere I went, he was there. I was beginning to wonder whether he had been put there either by the spooks or a paper."

## TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF HAROLD (HAL) POTE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleague, Representative BART STUPAK, Co-Chair of the Spina Bifida Caucus, would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Harold (Hal) Pote. Hal Pote, the founder and President of the Spina Bifida Foundation (SBF), passed away unexpectedly on June 26, 2007. Mr. Pote's dedication towards educating the public on the Nation's most common, permanently disabling birth defect has not gone unnoticed. We are deeply saddened by this loss and we know that many of our colleagues on Capitol Hill share these sentiments as well.

Spina Bifida develops during the first month of pregnancy when the spinal column does not close completely. Over 70,000 individuals in the United States currently live with Spina Bifida and it occurs in approximately seven out of every 10,000 live births. Mr. Pote began his campaign to increase awareness surrounding Spina Bifida when his nephew Gregory was born with this disabling condition almost 22 years ago. Gregory has undergone more than 20 surgeries, all of which Mr. Pote was there to support—and his dedication expands beyond his nephew as he was committed to ensuring that all individuals living with Spina

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Bifida have access to, and enjoy, a high quality of life. Additionally, Mr. Pote devoted his efforts to preventing the incidence of Spina Bifida by educating women on the importance of consuming folic acid prior to pregnancy and throughout their childbearing years.

Not only has Mr. Pote been successful in his endeavors to raise awareness surrounding Spina Bifida, he had a very successful business career as well. He attended Princeton University where he received a bachelor's degree in economics and subsequently received a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. Mr. Pote's hard work eventually led to his nomination as Chairman and CEO of Fidelity Bank at the age of 37. After co-founding the Beacon Group, he was appointed to lead Chase Manhattan's Regional Banking Group—eventually culminating with a position as chairman of Retail Financial Services for JP Morgan Chase. Once Mr. Pote retired from JP Morgan Chase, he served as CEO of the American Financial Realty Trust in Philadelphia.

In its 8 years of existence, under Mr. Pote's steadfast leadership, SBF has achieved many incredible successes for the Spina Bifida community. Due to Mr. Pote's perseverance and commitment to reducing the suffering from Spina Bifida, and advancing medical research in the field, individuals born with Spina Bifida are now living much longer, fuller lives than they had previously.

Mr. Pote's vision and dedication has helped not only Gregory, but tens of thousands of people who suffer from Spina Bifida as well. Hal Pote's sudden and unexpected death is a tragedy not only to his loved ones and the Spina Bifida community, but to all our colleagues who have lost a great man. To Mr. Pote's wife, Linda Johnson, his mother Lucille Bock Pote, his two brothers Frank and Corey Pote, and his nephews—we offer our deepest condolences.

We ask our colleagues to join us in saluting and remembering this extraordinary man.

#### PROMOTING PATRIOTISM

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the Military Order of the Purple Heart, San Jacinto Chapter 782, an organization made up of patriots serving the second district of Texas. Members in this organization share one common bond, each member is a recipient of the Purple Heart. They may not have served in the same branch or war but they are all combat veterans who have fought bravely to protect our freedoms.

San Jacinto Chapter 782 pledges to preserve and promote patriotism. They vow to never forget the sacrifices of our Armed Forces. They continue to remind us of the courageous service of the men and women in our military who fight to maintain our freedom and security.

San Jacinto Chapter 782 provides every family of a fallen soldier in my district a memorial plaque. This memorial plaque honors the memory of their loved ones brave service while defending our country. This plaque reminds us that the price of freedom is never free.

San Jacinto Chapter 782 works with schools and other organizations around our district to boost patriotism. They distribute flags, enter parades, and erect monuments. They continue to search for opportunities to remind us of the sacrifices of veterans throughout history.

We are proud and appreciative of the courage and the bravery of these patriots, who volunteer their time, championing those in the Armed Forces who have shed their blood for freedom and peace.

And that's just the way it is.

#### TOP POLICE OFFICIAL ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, recently, the former Director General of Police of Punjab, S.S. Virk, was arrested on September 9 on corruption charges. Ironically, he was arrested by the government of Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, who in his previous tenure redefined corruption as "fee for service"—no fee, no service.

Apparently, Mr. Virk managed to collect the equivalent of a billion dollars in assets on a meager police official's salary. I salute the arrest of Mr. Virk and hope he does serious jail time. But Mr. Virk should be arrested for more than corruption.

Mr. Virk was Director General when tens of thousands of Sikhs were murdered by the Indian regime in Punjab, Khalistan. Nobody has been brought to justice for these murders nor for the murders of other minorities, such as Christians, Muslims, and others.

I call on the Indian government to bring to justice the likes of Mr. Virk, K.P.S. Gill, and the others who were responsible for the atrocities against the Sikhs and other minorities. Until they do so, we should stop our aid to India and our trade with that country. And we should put the U.S. Congress on record in support of freedom for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagalim, and the other nations seeking to be free in south Asia by means of a free and fair plebiscite on their status.

The Indian newspapers gave some good coverage to Mr. Virk's arrest and the Council of Khalistan published an excellent press release about the situation.

#### FORMER DGP VIRK ARRESTED FOR CORRUPTION

WASHINGTON, DC, SEPT. 12, 2007.—Former Punjab Director General of Police S.S. Virk was arrested Sunday by the Vigilance Bureau (a state agency of Punjab) for corruption. He had amassed wealth in excess of 100 crore (100 million) rupees. This was far in excess of what he received from his position as DGP. He was also charged with misuse of his official position, making private business deals as a public servant. Virk had arrangements with "Cats," former "militants" who turned to working for the Indian regime, to kill Sikhs throughout Punjab. While Virk was amassing this wealth, half of the population of India continues to subsist on less than two dollars per day.

Hours after his arrest, he was hospitalized with high blood pressure and gallstones. A case was registered against him under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Virk had been removed as DGP shortly before the Punjab

elections earlier this year. He had been suspended by the Badal government shortly after it came to power in February. Former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has openly supported Virk. "We are amazed that someone of the stature of Captain Amarinder Singh supports the corruption and the killing of Sikhs under S.S. Virk's regime," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. Virk was quoted as saying that "everyone in the world" keeps agents like the "Cats." "Even if that were true, that does not relieve him of his responsibility," Dr. Aulakh said. "No law enforcement agency should be allowed to murder ordinary citizens. If they break the law, they should be tried in the court and punishment should be determined by the courts, not by police officials."

Virk claimed that his arrest was a "political victimization and vendetta." The Badal family, during their prior term in office, ran the most corrupt government in Punjab's history. They practiced corruption on a grand scale. Unless they were paid a bribe (which they renamed "fee for service"), no service was provided. Former DGP K.P.S. Gill presided over the murders of more than 50,000 extrajudicial killings, which were exposed by the Punjab Human Rights Organization (PHRO) in a study begun by Sardar Jaswant Singh Khaira, who was picked up by the police in September 1995 and murdered in police custody in October of that year.

"We salute the arrest of S.S. Virk," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. "We are glad that he is under arrest. There shouldn't be any corruption in high places," Dr. Aulakh said. "When will Badal, Gill, and the others responsible for high-level corruption and atrocities against the Sikh nation be arrested?" he asked.

"In a free Khalistan, no one would accept those who carry out genocide against the Sikh religion and the Sikh Nation or against any other people. They would all be arrested, not just selectively arrested to cover the corruption of the leaders ordering the arrest" said Dr. Aulakh.

Dr. Aulakh also cited the case of Sukhwinder Singh Sukhi, a "Cat," who was reported as killed. Someone was killed in his place, his identity was changed, and he was used by the police to kill Sikhs. "Who was killed in Sukhi's place?" asked Dr. Aulakh. Several years ago, a Sikh man who had been reported as killed by the police went to court to force the government to declare him alive.

A report issued by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) shows that India admitted that it held 52,268 political prisoners under the repressive "Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act" (TADA), which expired in 1995. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. According to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners in India. The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir, tens of thousands of Christians and Muslims throughout the country, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, Dalits, Bodos, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide."

"The time is now to launch a Shantmai Morcha to free Khalistan," Dr. Aulakh said. "That is the only way to prevent this kind of corruption and allow the Sikh Nation to live in freedom, peace, dignity, and prosperity. The time has come for some pro-Sikh organizations such as Dal Khalsa and others to step forward in Punjab and accelerate our struggle for the liberation of Khalistan," he said.

"Religions cannot flourish without political power. We must free Khalistan now."

[From the Times of India, Sept. 9, 2007.]

FORMER PUNJAB DGP S S VIRK ARRESTED

NEW DELHI—Former Punjab DGP S S Virk was arrested here on Sunday by Punjab Vigilance Bureau in connection with a case registered against him for allegedly possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Virk, who was removed as DGP shortly before the assembly elections in Punjab this year, was arrested from Maharashtra Sadan by a team of vigilance officials, senior Bureau officials said. The senior IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, who was repatriated from Punjab by the Centre after the Punjab elections, was also charged with having misused his authority by indulging in private business as a public servant in violation of service rules, the sources said.

The case was registered against Virk on Saturday under the Prevention of Corruption Act after investigations for the last few months, the sources said, adding the former DGP did not offer any resistance at the time of his arrest.

[From Rediff India Abroad, Sept. 9, 2007]

FORMER PUNJAB DGP S S VIRK ARRESTED

Former Punjab Director General of Police S S Virk, who was removed shortly before the assembly poll in the state, was arrested on Sunday on charges of possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income and misuse of official position.

Virk, a senior IPS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, who was arrested in Delhi by a team of Punjab Vigilance Bureau officials, described the charges against him as 'false and fabricated.'

A case was registered against Virk under the Prevention of Corruption Act on Saturday, Vigilance Bureau Sources said, adding that he did not offer any resistance at the time of his arrest.

Soon after his arrest from Maharashtra Sadan in New Delhi on Sunday morning, the former Punjab Police chief was taken by road to Mohali near Chandigarh where he was quizzed by vigilance sleuths.

He was also medically examined, the sources said, adding that searches were also conducted at a number of places in Punjab in connection with properties owned by the former DGP.

The team that arrested Virk included four officers of the rank of Superintendent of Police.

Besides allegedly possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, the ex-DGP was charged with misusing his authority by indulging in private business as a public servant in violation of service rules.

A visibly tired Virk, who was repatriated by the Centre from Punjab after the assembly election, told media persons at a police station in Mohali that all the cases registered against him were false and fabricated. "It is political victimisation and vendetta," said the IPS officer.

Virk, the first DGP from the state to be arrested, was suspended by the SAD-BJP government, led by Parkash Singh Badal, soon after it came to power in February this year.

He was removed as DGP shortly before the assembly poll by the Election Commission after the opposition SAD leveled allegations of corruption against him.

It also charged Virk with helping the then ruling Congress at former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's behest. After his removal as DGP, Virk was initially posted as DGP-cum-Chairman Punjab Police Housing Corporation on January 22 and suspended in April.

R S Gill, a 1973 batch IPS officer, was appointed DGP Punjab on January 22 after

Virk was removed by the Election Commission.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, from September 4th through September 6th I was in Omaha recovering from a medical condition and was unable to travel back to the Capitol. I therefore missed 13 recorded votes. The votes I missed were rollcall vote 847 through rollcall vote 859.

## TRIBUTE TO LUCAS KEIGLEY

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional young man from my Congressional District in Iowa.

Lucas Keigley, a 9-year-old fourth-grader from Gilbert, Iowa, was recently honored for his role in solving an arson case in July of this year.

According to a story in the Ames Tribune, Lucas had been at Gilbert Elementary School playing when two older boys, ages 14 and 15, lit a piece of cardboard on fire and threw it into a dumpster. The fire caught, and its proximity to both school property and several propane tanks could have made for a dangerous situation.

Lucas jumped into action and rightly followed the good advice that his mother Lisa always taught him: find an adult and tell them what he saw.

After alerting his mother to what he saw, Lucas worked with the Gilbert Fire Department and the Story County Sheriff's Office to help them find the suspects immediately, sparing law enforcement the time and cost of a lengthy arson investigation.

It is heartening to know that Lucas may be considering law enforcement as a career, according to his mother. It may just be his calling considering that his grandfather, Claire Keigley, served his community of Ames as a police officer for more than 28 years.

When we see, read and hear news of tragedy, pain and scandal on almost a daily basis it is heartening to hear the story about a fine 9-year-old young man from Iowa named Lucas Keigley who bravely did the right thing. I am honored to represent Lucas and his family in Congress and I know that all of my colleagues here in the United States Congress join me today in congratulating and thanking Lucas for helping make his community a safer place.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on October 2, 2007, I was unable to

cast my floor vote on rollcall votes 927, 928, 929, 930, and 931.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 927, 928, 929, 930, and 931.

## IN HONOR OF CAROL R. KING

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Carol R. King, whose death last week at the age of 79 leaves a tremendous void in the Second Congressional District of Georgia and indeed, in our country.

Carol was a true pioneer. She volunteered her time and her efforts to a range of causes, and so I feel there are many reasons to honor her today. Carol is perhaps best known for helping to found the first Head Start program in the Southeastern United States. As the longtime Head Start coordinator for the Harambee Child Development Council, Carol helped 16,000 children over a period of 30 years get access to education, health care, and meals that normally would have been out of their parents' reach.

Of course, many of us also know Carol as the committed help-mate and biggest supporter of her husband, the late, great civil rights attorney, C.B. King. He was the first black lawyer in South Georgia, and he also represented the iconic Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Throughout the years, Carol was by his side through dangers seen and unseen as he undertook the many legal battles for civil and human rights across Georgia. She was a devoted wife, matriarch of the King family, and mentor to thousands through her work with countless significant community efforts. More than that, she was our friend and devoted church member. We are all better because she touched our lives.

Madam Speaker, it is difficult to put into words the sadness I feel at her passing. In many ways, it is the end of an era. However, her life was an inspiration to many, and I am confident her legacy and her work will live on through the many organizations she helped to lead.

## IN RECOGNITION OF MASTER WAN KO YEE

### HON. BARBARA LEE

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Master Artist Wan Ko Yee, a distinguished scholar who resides in the 9th District of California. His areas of expertise include literature, painting, sculpting, calligraphy, music, martial arts, and traditional medicine. As a professor at Auburn University, Master Yee is a well renowned author, researcher, and philosopher. He has created exceptional work exhibited throughout the world. His work reflects Buddhist themes and the ideas of tolerance and peace between nations. He is recognized as a pioneer in creating multi-colored sculptures.

In 2003, the United States Congress displayed selected work from Master Yee during an art exhibition held in the Gold Room in the House Office Building. He has been recognized by the Royal Academy of Arts of the United Kingdom, and the Organization of American States.

I commend Master Wan Ko Yee's artistic contributions and his efforts to promote peace through the arts and cultural exchange.

CONGRATULATING J.A. REINHARDT AND CO., INC ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN MOUNTAIN-HOME, PENNSYLVANIA

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to J.A. Reinhardt and Company, Inc., of Mountainhome, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary in business.

From humble beginnings in 1947, two brothers, Jack and Bob Reinhardt, from Brooklyn, New York, returned from military service in the United States Army to relocate to Mountainhome in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. There, armed with only a dream and a small bank loan, they began manufacturing engraved signs for local resorts and banks in the basement of the family home.

By 1950, the company had expanded to 2,400 square feet and was supplying components to major aircraft manufacturers. Over the next half century the firm would undergo dramatic growth to meet the needs of customers.

Today, J.A. Reinhardt and Company, Inc., is proud to be associated with some of the premier aerospace and high technology firms in the world. Now at 75,000 square feet, the company boasts such customers as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Harris and ITT, as well as clients as far away as Israel and Turkey.

Before Jack Reinhardt passed away, he witnessed the company he and his brother founded develop into a premier producer of precision machined and fabricated products.

Since this world-class company was founded in the entrepreneurial spirit that helped build this great nation, it has provided hundreds of people with an opportunity to earn family-sustaining wages.

J.A. Reinhardt and Company, Inc., has also generated business for its neighbors and has become a major force in the economy of the Pocono Mountains. All this because two young men were willing to take a risk six decades ago, were willing to work hard and were blessed with the ability to encourage the best from themselves and their employees.

The J.A. Reinhardt Company, Inc. has truly been a partner in the defense of the United States.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bob Reinhardt and the late Jack Reinhardt for having the determination and fortitude to persevere so that the business they founded could survive and flourish and serve as an example to aspiring entrepreneurs everywhere.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PECHANGA INDIAN TRIBE

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Reservation in Temecula, California.

For more than 10,000 years, the Pechanga have lived in the Temecula Valley region of Southern California, where they have been stewards of the land. The Pechanga lived peacefully on this land and prospered until the arrival of Spanish missionaries at the end of the 18th Century.

For the next 75 years after the arrival of the Missions, the Pechanga faced a dark period of pain and oppression in servitude to the missionaries. Eventually, they were forcefully removed from their land and relocated to the hills south of Temecula. It was not until June 27, 1882, by an executive order by President Chester A. Arthur that a reservation was established upon a portion of the lands historically belonging to the Pechanga tribe.

After the establishment of the reservation, the tribe faced many challenges including floods, fires, droughts, economic scarcity, and disease. Yet through these challenges the Pechanga managed to maintain their customs, tradition, language, desire for self-determination, and hope for a better tomorrow.

Now the Pechanga are at a point where the present and the future look much brighter than the past. Members of the tribe have a sense of optimism that they can build a better life for their people and the Temecula Valley as a whole. They have the economic resources to create opportunities for thousands of California families, and they work to maintain a strong and respectful relationship with the federal government.

It is my sincere hope that the next 125 years will be even brighter and more prosperous for the Pechanga Tribe, the Temecula Valley, and our great nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED J. AUDI

### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stickley furniture maker Alfred J. Audi.

Mr. Audi passed away peacefully on September 29, surrounded by his loving family. Together with his wife and partner Aminy, Alfred Audi presided over the L. & J.G. Stickley Furniture company, founded in 1900 and inspired by the American Arts and Crafts pioneer Gustav Stickley of Syracuse, New York.

After graduating from Moses Brown School and Colgate University, Mr. Audi served three years in New York City's 42nd Infantry Division while working as president of E.J. Audi, Inc., a successful New York City furniture retailer founded by his family in 1928. In 1974,

Alfred and his wife Aminy purchased the fledgling Stickley Furniture in Fayetteville, New York at the urging of Leopold Stickley's widow Louise who feared the company's commitment to quality and strong design would be lost without Audi's leadership at the helm.

Over the next 33 years, Alfred and Aminy together grew Stickley from a company close to extinction with a 22 person workforce in a small, outdated factory to a 1600 employee manufacturing and sales operation and furniture design leader with three factories in Manlius, New York, North Carolina, and Vietnam. In addition, Stickley boasts of 13 retail showrooms in five States and a network of 125 dealers across the globe.

In nurturing Stickley back to health, Alfred reintroduced Stickley's signature Mission style furniture to the market and greatly influenced current arts and crafts trends in home and furniture design. Besides their work with Stickley, Alfred and Aminy have resurrected three other furniture companies on the verge of collapse in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and North Carolina.

In addition to his success in the business world, Alfred Audi exhibited tremendous athletic accomplishment on the bowling alley, squash and racquetball court, as well as the golf course. In 2004, Alfred won the New York State Super Senior Golf Championship. Mr. Audi also leaves a legacy of community involvement and philanthropy, having been a member of numerous boards and commissions.

Alfred Audi is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Aminy, son Edward, daughters Carolyn and Andrea, son-in-law Michael, three grandchildren, and 1600 proud members of the Stickley family. Even today, the company Alfred and Aminy resurrected remains a dedicated family-run operation.

For his contributions to business, the furniture industry, and the greater Central New York community, I honor my dear friend and supporter Alfred J. Audi for a lifetime of accomplishment. Al Audi's success proves that you can be successful in business in Upstate New York while passionately committed to a quality product, your employees and their families.

WILSON FAMILY CELEBRATES BIRTH OF GRANDDAUGHTER EMILY RUTH WILSON

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, October 1st was a special day for the Wilson family with the birth of Emily Ruth Wilson at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. She is the first daughter of Add and Lauren Wilson. Add is a Navy doctor assigned to the Navy SEALs on the East Coast. She weighs 7 pounds 6 ounces and is 20¼ inches in length. Emily Ruth has two older brothers, Addison, III, age 4 and Houston, age 2.

Emily Ruth is a particularly noteworthy addition to our family. She is the first female Wilson born into the family since 1919. As happy paternal grandparents, I and my wife, Roxanne are delighted to welcome her as she joins our two grandsons, four sons, and two brothers.

We are grateful to share this moment with the maternal grandparents Craig and Julie Houston of West Columbia, South Carolina, her paternal great grandmother Martha Dusenbury of Florence, South Carolina and the maternal great grandparents Ray and Ruth Hoover of West Columbia and Chester and Thelma Houston of Blakely, Georgia.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOBBIE ROGGERO

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the long and selfless career of Bobbie Roggero. Mrs. Roggero has spent over 30 years as a dedicated educator.

Bobbie Roggero received a BA degree in Education before beginning her extensive career as a public school teacher. She has earned the reputation of being an exceptional instructor who fosters the potential she sees in every student. Mrs. Roggero regularly spends her nights and weekends developing teaching strategies and planning for class, proving her commitment to the success of her pupils.

Mrs. Roggero was recently named the 2007 Educator of the Year for the Camdenton, Missouri, school district. This prestigious distinction comes with a stipend which Mrs. Roggero will use to offer her students additional opportunities not afforded in the standard curriculum.

Currently, Mrs. Roggero teaches Kindergarten at Osage Beach Elementary. She has been tirelessly serving the Camdenton District since 1995. I trust that Members of the House will join me in thanking Bobbie Roggero for her devotion to the youth of our Nation.

#### COMMENDING THE 1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM/34TH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD

SPEECH OF

#### HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 1, 2007

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, today, with the passage of H. Con. Res. 185, we honor the brave young men and women from the Minnesota National Guard who returned home this past summer from a 22-month deployment, the longest of any combat unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I want to recognize these citizen-soldiers, because that is what they truly are—citizens first, soldiers second. They have full time jobs, families to take care of and daily commitments that regular army soldiers don't have.

When these men and women were initially deployed, no one imagined they would be gone for so long and so often. Some of them spent close to a year in Bosnia before being deployed to Iraq.

The soldiers of the Minnesota National Guard performed their duties admirably. They knew their mission and I know from my personal experience with these men and women that they would always do more than what was asked of them.

Today I also would also like to recognize the families of the Minnesota National Guard. They were not in harm's way, but they woke up every day worrying, not knowing what that day would bring for their loved ones. They didn't enlist, but they shared the daily effects of this war.

I also want to thank the families of the fallen soldiers. These families have sacrificed more than anyone could have imagined. We thank you for giving us one of your own to defend this great Nation from its enemies and we honor all who believe that doing your duty is a noble act.

I would like to enter for the RECORD the names of the Minnesota National Guard soldiers who lost their lives: Staff Sergeant David Day of Saint Louis Park, MN; First Lieutenant Jason Timmerman of Tracy, MN; Sergeant Jesse Lhotka of Alexandria, MN; Specialist Brent Koch of Morton, MN; Specialist Kyle Miller of Willmar, MN; Sergeant Joshua Hanson of Dent, MN; Specialist Bryan McDonough of Maplewood, MN; Specialist Corey Rystad of Red Lake Falls, MN; Sergeant James Wosika of Saint Paul, MN; Sergeant Greg Reiwer of Frazee, MN; and Sergeant Joshua Schmit of Willmar, MN.

I ask my colleagues to remember these brave soldiers, their sacrifice on behalf of all of us, and the family they leave behind in Minnesota. You all will be missed but not forgotten.

Once again, I congratulate the Minnesota National Guard and the first Brigade Combat team on a job well done and thank all the men and women who have served the State of Minnesota and the Nation as members of the Minnesota National Guard. We are thankful you are home.

#### OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 356

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today with grave concern over H. Res. 356. This resolution is based on unfounded allegations and misinformation about the Republic of Macedonia, and I urge my colleagues to consider the whole story as they review this bill.

For example, the name "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)" is used throughout this resolution. It is a controversial name that Macedonia rejects in favor of its constitutional name, "The Republic of Macedonia." This is a position shared by 118 other nations, including the United States, which officially recognized Macedonia by its constitutional name in 2004.

It is important to note that Macedonia has always emphasized that the Republic of Macedonia does not hold exclusive rights over the name "Macedonia" in geographic, cultural, historic, or commercial terms. Although Greece objects to Macedonia's constitutional name, the Macedonian government rightly believes that one country does not have the right to dictate to another country what it can call itself. The Republic of Macedonia earned the right to self-determination when it declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, and it intends to continue to exercise that right.

H. Res. 356 also states that Macedonia produces and distributes propaganda asserting a

right to territory in Greece, which is also untrue. This is based on the fact that Greece and Macedonia both include areas of the historic region of Macedonia, and Greece is concerned that Macedonia has irredentist ambitions against their Macedonian region.

However, in 1995 Macedonia reinforced the "no-change" of borders provision of their Constitution, adding that they "have no territorial claim against neighboring states." Of course, a small, developing democracy with only 2 million people could not and will not take over land that belongs to Greece, a large, established country of over 10 million people. Macedonia wants only peace with its neighbor, and has repeatedly stated this fact.

In addition, the resolution claims that a Macedonian Military Academy textbook contains maps showing that a Greater Macedonia extends many miles south into Greece to Mount Olympus and miles east to Mount Pirin in Bulgaria.

Not only is the book in question no longer in use in the academy, the maps the resolution refers to were originally drawn in the 1800s by non-Macedonians. They are presented in a historical light. Furthermore, the textbooks used in the general educational system in the Republic of Macedonia do not contain any maps of this kind.

H. Res. 356 also mentions that Macedonia's Skopje airport was recently renamed "Alexander the Great" airport, and implies that Macedonia is asserting "patrimony" over the historical figure. Alexander the Great is a significant figure in human history and part of the universal consciousness, over which no country has ownership. Another Macedonian airport, in Ohrid, was recently named after "Apostle Paul," a universally known historic figure, and Macedonia has heard little protest.

Contrary to the allegations made in this bill, the Republic of Macedonia has actively sought to positively engage in international affairs and to negotiate in good faith with its Greek neighbors.

Macedonia has consistently sought to improve relations with Greece, even changing its national flag due to Greek concerns in 1995. Although political relations between Greece and Macedonia are frozen, Greece is the top investor in Macedonia, and bilateral trade is strong.

The Republic of Macedonia is also a committed ally of the United States. Macedonia has provided troops to serve alongside our brave men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan, and continues to seek full membership in NATO and the European Union.

As a Member of Congress with both Macedonian and Greek constituents, I follow both Greek and Macedonian issues closely. Given this, it is my opinion that H. Res. 356 is confrontational and unnecessary. As negotiations between Greece and Macedonia continue on issues including the latter country's name, I believe it is important for Members of Congress to support the process so that the two countries can resolve their differences bilaterally. Inflammatory rhetoric by uninvolved parties has the potential to be detrimental to this complex process.

Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to air my concerns about this bill. I urge my colleagues to carefully consider all the facts about H. Res. 356.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ATHNEIL C.  
"ADDIE" OTTLEY

### HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

MR. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brilliant Virgin Islander and friend, Mr. Athneil C. (Addie) Ottley, who has distinguished himself as a broadcaster, businessman, legislator, and community activist. This weekend, "Addie" as he is known to one and all will be honored in my district, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for 25 years as the host of "Face to Face" a community talk show on our local public television station, WTJX.

But, Madam Speaker, I am sure that the honors that will be bestowed on Addie on Saturday evening will go well beyond his service as a talk show host because in his inimitable style, he has been a leader in the broadcast industry in the Virgin Islands for more than 40 years.

Born on November 19, 1941, Addie is 1 of the 11 children of the late Charlotte Amalie Postmaster. His interest in broadcasting began at a young age and he was given his own teen show at WIVI called "Addie at Night." After graduating from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic High School, he built his own ham radio station, KV4BW and was the first teenager to be granted a license in the territory. He now holds the highest FCC amateur license, the Extra Class license and the highest Commercial Radiotelephone operators license, the First Class General Radiotelephone Certificate with radar endorsement.

Addie went on to graduate from the RCA Institute of Technology in New York, majoring in electronics and subsequently from Indiana Institute of Technology, majoring in electronics and engineering. Upon returning to the St. Thomas community in 1965, he worked as assistant manager and host of the "Morning Show" at WSTA. He later became the manager and then producer of the youth television show "Youthquake."

Pursuing political aspirations, Addie ran for and won a seat in the U.S. Virgin Islands Legislature in 1970 and 1972. In 1973, he was appointed Lieutenant Governor in the administration of the late Governor Melvin H. Evans. He later served a third legislative term in 1978 and was appointed executive assistant to the Commissioner of Commerce in 1981.

It was in the 1980s, that Addie became the host of "Face to Face" the public television talk show that provides an hour long discussion of community news and events that goes beyond the daily news sound byte. It was in 1984, with a group of local friends and investors, that Addie became President and CEO of Ottley Communications Corporation and purchased WSTA radio, making it the first radio station to be owned by local interests. In 1995, Addie bought out his investors and became the full owner of the station.

In addition to business, communications and politics, Addie has also served the community as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the Reichhold Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Committee, a member on the Board

of Directors of the Advisory Committee of the United Negro College Fund to benefit the then College of the Virgin Islands, a member of the advisory Committee and MC of the Muscular Dystrophy Association annual telethon. He was also appointed Civilian Liaison Officer for the Virgin Islands National Guard.

Addie has been President of the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce and member of the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity and the Mental Health Commission. He is also on the Board of Arts Alive and is Chairman Emeritus of the Virgin Islands Chapter of Employers Support for the National Guard and Reserve.

Addie has won his share of awards to include the 1990 Feddy Award for dedication to youth, the 1982 Business Advocate of the Year Award, and the Rotary II Man of the Year. He was recently named the "Executive of the Year" by the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, Addie Ottley has contributed to the wellbeing of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands as a leader in business, communications, politics and community service. It is fitting that he be recognized today as an exemplary Virgin Islander and American.

### HONORING THE FANNIN FAMILY AS "ANGELS IN ADOPTION"

#### HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

MR. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kent and Marilyn Fannin as "Angels in Adoption."

In 2003, Kent and Marilyn Fannin came to Family Service and Children's Aid in Jackson, Michigan and inquired about providing a home for abused and neglected children. Although they had a young son of their own, they felt their mission in life was to provide for other children who needed them.

Within a year of being licensed as foster parents, they began caring for a severely mentally and physically handicapped 7-year-old boy who suffered from cerebral palsy, seizures and autism. He was non-verbal and functioning as an 8-month-old. Even though the couple recently had their second child, they gladly accepted this child into their home. Within 6 months, because of the Fannins' hard work, encouragement and support, this young man progressed until he was able to feed himself, walk with assistance and communicate his needs.

In 2005, Kent and Marilyn began attending a Bible and missionary training college and were considering serving on a foreign mission field. However, during this time, the now ten year old boy's mother released her parental rights. After spending some time considering the situation, they made the decision to adopt this child and decided their mission in life was to help other children like him. In 2006, the Fannins were contacted again about a baby girl who needed placement. They chose to adopt her as well. They recently cared for a 1½-year-old legally blind child and have since become the birth mother's support system. When a 9-year-old girl needed emergency

placement, Kent and Marilyn helped nurture her through a traumatic time.

Caseworkers describe the Fannins as patient, generous, understanding, nurturing, stable, considerate and selfless. They treat children, families and workers with respect and are always willing to go the extra mile for a child in need. They are never negative. They carefully and prayerfully consider which children they can be most effective with. They do not seek attention for themselves and ask nothing in return. They have dedicated their lives to helping needy children.

"The dedication of Kent and Marilyn to giving cheerfully of their time and talents has left an indelible, lifelong impact on the lives of several boys and girls in south-central Michigan. It gives me great pleasure to honor this remarkable couple that truly deserves the title 'Angels in Adoption.'"

### HONORING THE BUCKS COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

MR. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bucks County Rescue, Squad on their 75th Anniversary. Their outstanding service and dedication providing life saving emergency medical services to the residents of Bucks County, Pennsylvania deserves our praise and appreciation.

Bucks County Rescue Squad was founded 1932 in Croydon, Bucks County by a group who saw the need for a rescue unit when a young man drowned in the nearby Delaware River. To prevent future tragedies, the rescue squad became a reality.

Over the years the Bucks County Rescue Squad has accomplished a great deal. Their first vehicle was a hearse parked at the Croydon Fire Department. In 1956, a local facility of the Rohm and Haas Company donated land so they could build a station. The Rescue Squad also worked tirelessly to raise the money to establish the Lower Bucks Hospital. Today, the Bucks County Rescue Squad is located on the campus of the Lower Bucks Hospital, with their support.

As the son of a former Philadelphia police officer, I know how hard America's first responders work to keep our cities and towns safe. The Bucks County Rescue Squad's commitment to our community is undeniable. As their representative, I am proud to be just as committed to providing them, and our other rescue squads with the tools and resources they need to do their jobs. After all, true homeland security means supporting those who keep our families safe.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my family and the families across Bucks County, I want to thank the Bucks County Rescue Squad for their tireless and life-saving efforts. The Bucks County Rescue Squad and the emergency services units throughout our country need—and deserve—our continued support.



RECOGNIZING THAT VIOLENCE  
POSES AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS  
THREAT TO PEACE AND  
STABILITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2007*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res 564, and would like to take this opportunity to commend the countries in Central America that have pooled their time and expertise to discuss common goals through the Central American Integration System (SICA)—which is an inter-governmental organization comprised of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama (with the Dominican Republic as an Associate Member).

I would also like to commend the United States government for its effort in addressing the issues of gangs, drug trafficking and arms trafficking through the Dialogue on Democratic Security that was held with the Central American Integration System countries in Guatemala City this past July.

Violence in Central America is a grave threat to the entire region. Recent numbers from the Andes and parts of Central America show that the murder rate is above forty per 100,000 people, and does not appear to be on the decline. The increasing prevalence of violence in this region raises serious concerns with high levels of insecurity and weak state capacity to deal with criminal activity. The transport of drugs and widespread gang activity create additional problems that must be tackled sooner rather than later.

It is this reason why I support H. Res 564, commending action taken to Combat Criminal Gangs from Central America and Mexico and encouraging regular meetings in which countries can build on existing cooperation toward this end.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

RECOGNIZING ULTRA MACHINING  
COMPANY OF MONTICELLO

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I come to the House floor today to congratulate a small business in Monticello—a growing community in Minnesota's Sixth District.

Ultra Machining Company (UMC) was recently 1 of 5 companies nationally to receive the prestigious Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Freedom Award.

The Award was created to recognize employees who provide exceptional support to their employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve. It's the highest in a series of ESGR awards.

Sergeant Lou Jacobson, who works at UMC and recently returned from a 22-month deployment in Iraq, nominated UMC for the Freedom Award.

Jacobson wrote, "UMC has made up the difference in my pay while I am deployed. Last summer, a storm knocked down our fence. UMC put out a sign up sheet and the next Saturday 40 of my co-workers showed up at my house . . . UMC paid for all the materials. They said that is what family does, they help."

Madam Speaker, family does help. Minnesota helps. Americans help. Congratulations and thanks go to Terry and Mary Tomann—founders of UMC, all the employees of UMC and Sergeant Lou Jacobson for his service to our country and for letting all Americans know what it means to be family.

INTRODUCTION OF H. CON. RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DAWN OF THE SPACE AGE

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, an event that took place on October 4, 1957 with the launch of Sputnik 1. To recognize the importance of that event, I also am introducing a House Concurrent Resolution, and Reps. MARK UDALL, RALPH HALL, TOM FEENEY, and NICK LAMPSON are joining me as original cosponsors of that resolution.

Madam Speaker, 50 years ago America found itself in the midst of the Cold War, and the launch of Sputnik 1 was seen as yet another challenge in our ongoing and deadly serious rivalry with the Soviet Union. In the aftermath of Sputnik 1, America rose to the challenge that it faced. We invested in our own space program, and we undertook a fundamental reexamination of the Nation's educational system, focusing increased attention on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education—what we now call "STEM" education.

America prevailed. Moreover, our accomplishments in space exploration opened a new era for humankind. Forever after, human aspirations and activity will extend beyond our home planet. Equally importantly, the exploration of space has evolved from Cold War competition into an endeavor that has been marked by significant international cooperation, with results that have benefited all humanity.

For example, our meteorological and environmental satellites have monitored weather and climate, ocean currents, polar ice, fires, and pollution. Communications satellites—or "comsats"—have linked the people of the world in ways not thought possible five decades ago. Precise positioning provided by navigational satellites has brought dramatic benefits to a wide swath of human activities, and "GPS" has become a household word.

Our understanding has been irreversibly enhanced by the many scientific satellites and space probes that have enabled significant advances in our knowledge of the universe. In addition, human spaceflight, including the successful Apollo lunar landings, has inspired successive generations of young people to pursue careers in science and engineering.

Finally, our national security space systems have helped defend the Nation and have pro-

vided us with the means to monitor the actions of potential adversaries.

Madam Speaker, today we again find our Nation locked in a competitive struggle. A "flat" world, an increasingly technological world, has America competing economically in the global marketplace against well trained and well educated rivals.

The competition that accompanied the dawn of the Space Age 50 years ago reinvigorated the Nation's interest in science and technology, leading to an increased investment both in research and in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

These investments contributed to the development of a technologically skilled generation of Americans that has led the world in innovation and accomplishment.

The new global competition for preeminence in science and technology and innovation has led to a call for a renewed commitment to research and to STEM education akin to that which followed the dawn of the Space Age. Congress has responded by renewing our national commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education with the recently enacted America COMPETES Act, but we will need to sustain our efforts in this area year after year—there is no "quick fix".

Madam Speaker, I believe that America has received a significant return on its past investments in the Nation's space program, and we need to continue to maintain our commitment to a strong and productive space program. As a result, I and my fellow cosponsors want to honor this historic anniversary by offering the concurrent resolution that I have introduced today. To that end I would just like to close by quoting a few of the key phrases of that resolution, namely:

"Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, that the Congress—

Honors the fiftieth anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age;

Recognizes the value of investing in America's space program; and

Declares it to be in America's interest to continue to advance knowledge and improve life on Earth through a sustained national commitment to space exploration in all its forms, led by a new generation of well educated scientists, engineers and explorers."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

COMMISSION ON THE ABOLITION  
OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE  
TRADE ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2007*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of H.R. 3432, the 200th Anniversary Commemoration Commission of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act of 2007. The transatlantic slave trade was the forcible capture and procurement of more than 12 million Africans. These men, women, and children were transported in bondage from their African homelands to the Americas for the purpose of enslavement between the sixteenth and late nineteenth centuries. The actual

transport is often referred to as "The Middle Passage." During this transition, many Africans suffered abuses of rape and perished as a result of torture, malnutrition, disease, and resistance. If these individuals survived the trip, their fate was a life of slavery.

I recently visited Ghana. During this trip, I toured the former slave dungeon, Cape Coast Castle. I also had the opportunity to stand in the "Door of No Return" where captives were held with little light, water, and absolutely no toilet facilities. Over 125 million West Africans died during the Middle Passage, and more than one-third of the people captured died within the first 3 years of their life on a plantation. The importance of this legislation lies in the fact that the slave trade and the legacy of slavery continue to have a profound impact on social and economic disparity, hatred, bias, racism, and discrimination. This legislation underscores the fact that the legacy of the slave trade continues to affect people of African descent today. One of the key purposes of this act is to ensure a suitable national observance of the 200th anniversary of the end of the transatlantic slave trade. By sponsoring and supporting commemorative programs, we raise awareness of the transatlantic slave trade and its effects, as well as recognize the experiences of all people during this period in history. I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3432 in creating this commission that would not only celebrate the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, but also educate citizens regarding a significant part of our Nation's history.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2007 NATIONAL LEAGUE CENTRAL CHAMPION CHICAGO CUBS

##### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding season put together by the 2007 Chicago Cubs. Last week, my hometown Cubs clinched the National League Central title with a regular season record of 85–77, and tonight they head to Phoenix to take on the National League West Champions, the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Led by Manager Lou Piniella, the Cubs stormed back from an 8½ game deficit to edge out the Milwaukee Brewers for the division title, their first since 2003. In just Piniella's first season at the helm, the Cubs had the biggest win increase in the Majors from last season to this season, winning 19 more games than in 2006.

In a year marked by adversity, the Cubs overcame injuries, some internal strife, and the possible sale of the team to band together with the right blend of strong veterans like Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez, young players like Ryan Theriot and Carlos Marmol, and key offseason acquisitions Alfonso Soriano, Mark DeRosa, and Ted Lilly.

I proudly represent Wrigley Field in the Fifth Congressional District, and I am excited to see the return of postseason baseball to the Northside of Chicago.

Carlos Zambrano will set the tone tonight in game one in Arizona, and Rich Hill and Ted Lilly will take the ball after that to lead our Cubbies to victory in the NLDS.

Congratulations are in order to each and every player, coach, and employee of the Chicago Cubs. I wish them all the best of luck against the Diamondbacks, and I look forward to watching them do their best to reverse the curse of the billy goat.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE USDA RULE ON CANADIAN CATTLE IMPORTATION

##### HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, on September 18, USDA Issued a final rule that will permit the importation of live Canadian cattle into the U.S. provided they are born after a date determined by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to be the date of effective enforcement of a ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban in Canada. Expanding imports of Canadian livestock and beef is likely to have serious repercussions for the American cattle industry and I, along with my colleague DENNIS REHBERG, are introducing this resolution to disapprove that rule.

Over the past several years, Canada has discovered no fewer than 11 cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, BSE, including many that have occurred in cattle born after that country was purported to have implemented a ruminant-to-ruminant feed ban. Given this fact, it is clear that Canada has not taken the necessary steps to protect its herd from the spread of BSE and that a feed-ban date should not be the trigger for allowing Canadian beef into the U.S. Increasing U.S. imports of Canadian cattle and beef at this critical time would have significant negative impact on the economic well-being of American cattle producers, and could seriously disrupt our efforts to expand U.S. beef exports overseas.

Expanding Canadian cattle imports increases the possibility that a future case of BSE in a Canadian animal may be found in the United States. Five of Canada's BSE cases occurred in cattle born after March 1, 1999, the date that appeared in the proposed rule as an appropriate age trigger for importation eligibility. There is a very real possibility that USDA's proposal would lead to the importation of additional BSE-infected animals from Canada, which would destroy years of hard work by the American cattle industry, the administration, and Congress to restore the confidence of our trading partners in the safety of American beef.

Given the uncertainty still surrounding the health of the Canadian cattle herd and the drastic negative repercussions that could befall U.S. cattle producers if this increased trade fosters an occurrence of increased BSE outbreaks in this country, I introduce this resolution today and urge my colleagues to support its prompt passage.

#### RECOGNIZING THE NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVY SEALS AND THEIR PREDECESSORS

SPEECH OF

##### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 1, 2007*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of a resolution to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts of my good friend from Florida, Congressman TIM MAHONEY, for introducing this important legislation and the House Leadership for bringing it before the House floor for a vote.

The Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, located adjacent to the District I represent, is in close proximity to the birthplace of the World War II underwater demolition teams or the "Navy Frogmen." These "Navy Frogmen" have since evolved into the U.S. Navy SEALs, one of the most elite and distinguished fighting forces in the entire world. This museum is currently the only one of its kind in the world that honors and preserves the Navy SEALs legacy. The museum's mission is essential, and through its daily work to educate the public, continues to recognize the contributions of the brave men and women serving our Nation.

The Navy SEALs are an elite fighting team that have operated in almost every environment known to man—from humid jungles to space stations orbiting the Earth. We owe it to these brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day for the United States' democracy our sincerest gratitude and respect. We owe it to them to memorialize their contributions and their legacy on a national scale.

Since 1985, the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum has been at the forefront of educating our Nation on the historical importance of these special forces. The museum currently contains thousands of artifacts, declassified documents, weapons, and photographs that are a true testament to the courageous exploits of the Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

This legislation before us today would make the museum the Official National Museum for Navy SEALs in the United States. I urge a swift passage of this significant legislation to properly recognize and memorialize the heroic acts of past and present United States Navy SEALs.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANTONIO MOORE

##### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Antonio Moore, a 16-year-old student at Mt. Vernon Township High School in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.



Antonio was chosen as one of the 401 athletes for Team USA that will be competing in the Special Olympics World Summer Games in China. While in China, Antonio will compete in the 400 meter run, shot put and 4 × 400 meter run.

I also rise to honor the organization that makes Olympic dreams like Antonio's a reality. The Special Olympics currently serves over 2.5 million athletes with intellectual disabilities worldwide. Their volunteerism and commitment to helping people with disabilities is truly remarkable.

I am pleased to congratulate Antonio on his success. I wish him, and all of Team USA, the best as they represent their country.

#### HONORING THE SEAGO FAMILY AND SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS

##### HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the members of the Seago Family as they gather in Seagoville, Texas, for their annual family reunion.

The Seago family has had a long history in the United States. The family's presence in the United States was first recorded in 1740, when John Seago married Margaret Birmingham at St. Luke's Parish in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. From there the family moved to North Carolina and their descendants spread all over the country.

The city of Seagoville, Texas was founded in the 1870's by a descendant of John and Margaret Seago, Tillman Kimsey "T.K." Seago. He opened a general store in 1876, which attracted people to the area. A small community formed there and later that year it became known as Seago. In 1910, the United States Postal Service changed the name of the town to Seagoville.

Each year the Seago family hosts an annual family reunion, which they have done for over twenty years. This year the event is particularly important because the family will be gathering for the first time in the city that was named for one of the ancestors, Seagoville, Texas. Family members will travel from every corner of this great nation to attend. The festivities begin on Thursday, as members start arriving, and continue through Sunday, when they begin to make their journeys home. The reunion will coincide with SeagoFest, a festival held each year in Seagoville.

Madam Speaker, as the Representative of the City of Seagoville, it is my pleasure to recognize the Seago Family for over 250 years in America and the City of Seagoville for the many contributions it makes to the Fifth District, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, due to the passing of my father, on Tuesday, October 2, 2007

I missed rollcall votes nos. 927 through 931. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on H.R. 3087 and "yea" on H. Res. 635, H. Con. Res. 203, H.R. 2828, and H. Con. Res. 200.

#### ANGELS IN ADOPTION WINNERS

##### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dan and Luanne Hurst, the 2007 Angels in Adoption award winners from the 5th Congressional District of Florida.

Dan and Luanne decided to adopt their first child, Matthew, while they were working as college professors.

When Matthew's birth mother became pregnant again, she contacted the Hursts about their interest in adopting the second boy, so that the brothers could grow up in the same home.

Recognizing the importance of keeping the boys together as a family, the Hursts soon welcomed a second son, Jesse, into their lives.

As proud adoptive parents, the Hursts have also used their expertise in English education to help Matthew with the challenges of dyslexia.

Today Luanne home schools both children while working part time teaching evening college classes.

One of the most difficult challenges facing adoption agencies is to keep siblings together, yet people like Dan and Luanne show us that this is not an impossible task.

Please join me in recognizing the Hursts and all families that welcome adopted children into their homes, giving them the love and support they need to thrive.

#### CONGRATULATING BURTON AND NELLIE SEARLES

##### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Burton and Nellie Searles for receiving the "Foster Parents of the Year" award.

This award is given to one family each year by the Texas Council of Child Welfare Board. On September 20, 2007, the Searles received the award at the 29th Annual Cheerleaders for Texas Children ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Searles have been fostering children for 18 years. The couple, who will be married 49 years in February of 2008, have fostered a total of 77 children in their home. In addition to three children of their own, they have also adopted a child.

Mr. and Mrs. Searles began taking care of basic children but then changed their foster care licenses to take care of special needs children. The Searles say that they love taking care of special needs children because of the challenge. The Searles also plan on continuing care for foster children for many years to come.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Searles for their award. I thank them for their devotion and dedication to helping foster children. I am very proud and honored to represent them in the 26th District of Texas.

#### HONORING ABNER W. DARBY OF LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

##### HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Abner W. Darby of Lynn, Massachusetts. Abner Darby was born and raised in Austin, Texas, where he was a star athlete excelling in football and track and field. He went on to attend Prairie View University before he honorably served the country as a member of the United States Army.

Although Abner was a Master Mechanic; owned and operated two gas stations in Lynn; and served as a housing manager for the Lynn Housing Authority, Mr. Darby will best be remembered for the time he spent as Executive Director of the Community Minority Cultural Center (CMCC). The CMCC provided Mr. Darby with the vehicle through which he affected positive change in the community and where he did the work that was his passion.

Abner Darby dedicated his life to making the lives of those around him better. Having personally experienced the pains of segregation, Abner worked tirelessly to erase discrimination and open doors and create equal access and equal opportunity for all people regardless of race, creed or national origin. He did so locally, statewide and nationally. Through his work at the CMCC, Abner Darby served as a bridge between Lynn's increasingly diverse community and the city's traditional, established institutions. For many, the first steps on the ladder of opportunity were taken on Abner Darby's back.

Abner fought diligently to ensure that the benefits of economic development and employment opportunities were shared by all. He spearheaded efforts for the recruitment and training for Civil Service positions that led to the hiring of minority firefighters and police officers. Under his leadership, the CMCC offered job fairs, computer training, after school programs and ESL classes, and it also sponsored art exhibitions, cultural celebrations and workshops so the diverse communities could develop a better understanding and appreciation for one another. Without Abner's efforts, some would have remained culturally, economically and educationally deprived.

There was only one thing that Abner Darby could not do. When asked to do something, Abner could never say no. More importantly, when he promised something, he always delivered. Abner Darby is a loyal, hard working and well-respected man. He is gifted with an infectious laugh, contagious enthusiasm and a warm, embracing personality that moves others to follow him.

Tonight in Lynn, Abner Darby's family, friends, neighbors and colleagues will gather to salute and offer thanks to a man who has made an indelible mark on the city and helped its residents in countless ways. It is a most appropriate and deserving recognition for someone who has given so much of himself to his community.

HONORING DR. JAMES T.  
WILLERSON

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James T. Willerson for his work as President at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Dr. Willerson will be stepping down from his position to become the next President at the Texas Heart Institute.

Dr. Willerson graduated with honors in 1965 from Baylor College of Medicine and in 1972 joined the faculty at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. In 1989, Dr. Willerson became chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the UT Medical School where he served until 2001, when he became President of the UT Health Science Center at Houston.

During his time as President at the UT Health Science Center, the school has utilized over \$700 million for the building of seven new research buildings, educational programs and clinical services, and recruiting some of the world's best scientists and educators. Class

sizes have also been increased at each of the university's six schools.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Willerson, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is poised for greatness.

It is with pride today that I honor Dr. Willerson for the outstanding works he has done at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston during his rein as President. I also wish him the best of luck at his future position as President of the Texas Heart Institute.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## OCTOBER 16

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) efforts and progress on H.R. 1, "Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007".

SR-253

## OCTOBER 17

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine consumer wireless issues.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives.

SR-253

## OCTOBER 18

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness.

SR-253

## OCTOBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine to consider pending legislation.

SD-562

## OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine vocational rehabilitation.

SD-562